

PROPOSAL FOR NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBER TO UNDERTAKE "STUDY TRAVEL" (Updated Nov 08)

The relevant Remuneration Tribunal Determination (copied overleaf) provides non-Executive Members with an entitlement to financial assistance for the purposes of studies and investigations ("study travel") as well as an accompanied travel entitlement when travelling on Assembly Business.

Consistent with the requirements of the Determination and the Assembly's Guidelines for non-Executive Members' Travel, a non-Executive Member proposing to utilise this entitlement is required to submit certain details of their proposal to the Speaker for approval. Non-Executive Members should complete the following details to address these requirements.

Members should note that approval to utilise this entitlement cannot be sought retrospectively.

Mr Speaker

I am proposing to utilise my "study travel" entitlement and seek your approval accordingly. To enable you to consider my proposal, the following details are provided:

Brief Description of the Proposed Activity (including the purpose of the journey/activity and details of any conferences to be attended or training to be undertaken):

Travel to the UK for approximately 10 days from around 17 to 29 April (inclusive of travel times) to:

- visit councils to discuss transport, public housing and financial disclosure programs in operation;
- speak with a UK Shadow Home Secretary Minister about common roles and work;
- visit the CPA and tour Westminster; and,
- visit think tanks to discuss issues in my shadow portfolio areas.

Detailed itinerary (including dates and times) of the places to be visited/activity to be undertaken:

Visit to the United Kingdom:

Dates:

17 April 2009 – 29 April 2009 (inc travel time)

Subjects to be studied:

Public transport, public housing, delivery of council services, government efficiency

Meetings arranged:

Tax Payers' Alliance	20 April, 11-2pm
Institute of Economic Affairs	20 April, 3pm
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	21 April, All day
CPA	22 April, 10am
Shadow Home Secretary	22 April, 2pm – 6pm
.....	23 April, 9am – 3pm
London Borough of Havering	24 April, 9am – 12pm
London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham	24 April, 2pm – 4pm
Conservative Party Spring Conference	25 April, All day
.....	26 April, 9am – 2pm

TBC: Greater London Assembly, Institute of Commonwealth Studies

Estimated costings:

Flights (economy, flexible) \$4000
Accommodation (9 nights @ £80) \$1600
Domestic transport (underground, trains, airport transfer) \$300
Meal (10 days \$60) \$600

Itinerary:

17 April Depart Canberra
18 April London
19 April London
20 April London
21 April Romford
22 April London
23 April London
24 April London-Cheltenham
25 April Cheltenham
26 April Cheltenham-London
27 April Depart London
28 April Arrive Melbourne
29 April Depart Melbourne, Arrive Canberra

Estimated Cost of Activity \$6500.....
(cost should include fares, travelling allowances, conference fees and other training expenses)

I have confirmed with the Secretariat's Corporate Services Office that I have \$ 24,000 available/remaining of my "study travel" entitlement.

I understand that, if the proposal is approved, I will submit to you, within eight weeks of completing the activity, a written report detailing the travel undertaken and expenses incurred (including any reimbursement received for nominee accompanied travel), names and area of responsibility of persons contacted, a summary of business undertaken, and, in relation to any approved training undertaken, a report on that training.

ALISTAIR COE
Member's Name

Alistair Coe 6,4,09
Signature

APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED

Speaker

Attachment B

REPORTS ON MEMBER'S STUDY TRIPS

(Version 2.2- December 02)

A study trip report must be submitted within eight weeks of completing any travel made under the Member's study entitlement. The report will be presented in the Assembly by the Speaker. The following format may be used by Members or may act as a guideline for Members in preparing reports.

STUDY TRIP REPORT

Name: Alistair Coe MLA

Purpose of Visit:

To learn about some particular programs in place in the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham and the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and to learn about how councils and the national government is delivering services in the areas of public housing, taxation, waste, transport and government efficiency.

Places visited and dates of visit:

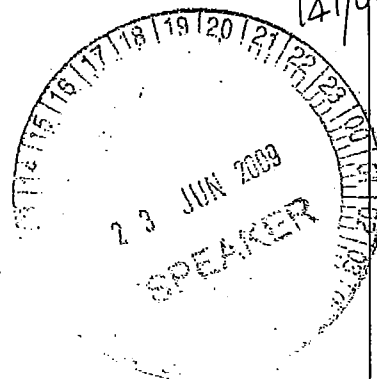
16 April Departed Canberra (departed Sydney on 17 April)
18-22, 23-25, 26-27 April London
22-23 April Romford
25-26 April Cheltenham
29 April Arrived in Canberra (departed London on 27 April)

Expenses incurred (including any reimbursement received for spouse accompanied travel):

- \$4,115.84 (including flights, accommodation, local transport and meals)

Organisation(s) and individuals visited:

- Matthew Elliott, Executive Director, Tax Payers' Alliance
- Mayor & Leader, London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
- CPA UK Branch
- Andrew Rosindell MP, Shadow Home Minister
- Leader, Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
- Mayor and Councilor, London Borough of Havering
- Dr Richard Wellings, Deputy Editorial Director, Institute of Economic Affairs
- International Young Democrat Union
- William Hague, Shadow Foreign Secretary
- Harvard Hughes, Electoral Reform Society
- Several MPs (various responsibilities)
- Several MEPs (various responsibilities)



Area of responsibility of persons contacted:

- predominantly council services (including housing, rates, general revenue, waste disposal, taxation, government efficiency, transport)

Business undertaken:

- attended meetings
- attended the Conservative Party Spring Forum, Cheltenham

Conclusions and/or recommendations:

- consider the implementation of greater transparency in government expenditure as per disclosure programs in place in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
- seek clarity in the role of Government and the expectation of the community with regard to rates and other revenue methods as per the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
- approach with caution the temptation for governments to enter into deficit to fund Government projects
- research the costs and options for short-term housing for homeless people (investigate commercial accommodation providers as per many UK councils)
- investigate the pros and cons of smart cars (high-tech cars fitted with CCTV cameras used to spot motorists who breach parking and other traffic rules)

Signed:

Date:

22/6/09